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Lake Peigneur sampling results come back non-detect

BATON ROUGE – Water samples taken on Lake Peigneur by the Department of Environmental Quality have returned from the laboratory and show the surface water is not contaminated. Inspectors from the department went to the lake located in Iberia Parish on January 18, after nearby residents complained that water along the surface was bubbling.

DEQ staff analyzed the water from more than 30 components, such as benzene, volatile organic compounds and other gasoline-related compounds.

“We sampled the lake’s water because the people who called us were concerned about the quality of the lake’s surface water after that latest bubbling incident,” said DEQ Regional Manager Robert Freeman. “We sampled the water for a variety of components and all samples came out non-detect. We’re no closer to solving the bubble mystery, but we now know the surface water of the lake is not contaminated.”

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